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Objective:

NATO nuclear policy faces a variety of external challenges including the increased complexity of deterrence relationships, WMD proliferation to new actors capable of disrupting stability, and the increasing strategic significance of Asia. The three nuclear members of NATO, the United States, United Kingdom, and France (P-3), will drive the burden-sharing strategy and consensus necessary to weather a NATO drawdown while maintaining nuclear force posture.

The project aims to increase the security of the United States by improving trilateral understanding, enhancing scholarship of the emerging challenges, and providing insight on the evolving nature and future of the P-3 partnership. The dialogue will continue to define the role of nuclear weapons, explore how the United States can foster a political consensus, and analyze the cross-domain deterrence of space, cyber, and nuclear issues.

Approach:

Building on previous Track II dialogues and in collaboration with Track I government officials, the Trilateral Dialogue will allow Track II experts to provide productive and impactful proposals to Track I participants. The dialogue will also enhance the scholarship by examining the emerging challenges facing these long-critical allies, and providing insight to policymakers, experts, and the public about the evolving nature and future of the P-3 partnership.